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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
 See 37 CFR 1.27.
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  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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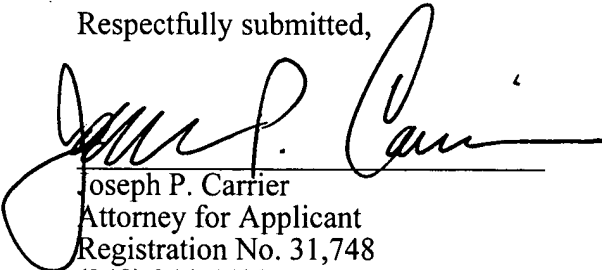
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   Formal Drawings - 4 sheets  
   Declaration and Power Of Attorney  
   Preliminary Amendment-A  
   Assignment  
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